

2020 Service Academy Nominations-Best Practices for Students

- ✓ Send a letter or note of interest to Congressman Deutch to start the process as soon as the spring of your junior year. Our application window is May 1, 2020-October 30, 2020.
- ✓ When you are ready to apply with us, avoid asking parents to act on your behalf; own the process.
- ✓ Do your homework:
Research the military academies, their admission requirements and career tracks.
Consider applying for a summer program at one of the academies (check for deadlines)
Start preparing well in advance for the CFA's physical fitness requirements.
- ✓ Start an application early at your top 3 academy choices. Applying to just one academy is NOT recommended.
- ✓ Apply with all eligible nominating sources. (Member of Congress, both U.S. Senators, Vice President and President).
- ✓ Apply early to all sources to avoid missing deadlines.
- ✓ Maintain your academic performance at your personal best. GPA and class rank are very important and your competition is strong.
- ✓ Take the SAT or ACT multiple times so your best scores may be considered.
- ✓ Prepare a one-page professional resume, listing your:
Academic performance/awards
Athletics/awards
Scouting or JROTC involvement
Leadership roles/activities, such as Boys/Girls State
Community service
Employment
Languages spoken
Any life experiences or skills that make you stand out from other applicants
- ✓ Practice interview skills to prepare for the panel interview in the fall.
- ✓ Don't wait until the last minute to complete and turn in your application. Early application is an indicator of your level of motivation.